

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, making reference to Attorney Docket No. 107348-00137.

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**MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS
AND CLAIMS SHOWING CHANGES**

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 13, line 23 to page 14, line 6 with the following new paragraph:

--As described above, when the shock acting on the front ends b of the lower faces 38U, 38U of the ear as viewed in the travel direction [by the resilient deformation of the retainers 44, 44] has been buffered by the resilient deformation of the retainers 44, 44, a shock acting on a reaction to the rear ends a of the saddle faces 38L, 38L as viewed in the travel direction is also buffered. Thus, the wear of the metal belt is 15 can be prevented by a simple structure in which the two retainers 44, 44 are only added without subjecting the metal elements 32 to a special processing.--

1. (Amended) A belt for a continuously variable transmission, which is wound around a drive pulley and a driven pulley for transmitting a driving force between both the pulleys, the belt comprising a pair of metal ring assemblies each [assembly] formed of a plurality of endless metal rings laminated one on another, and a large number of metal elements each having a ring slot into which each of the metal ring assemblies are [assembly is] fitted, wherein

an endless resilient member which is deformable radially is disposed between a radially outer edge of each of the ring slots [slot] in the metal elements [element] and a radially outer peripheral surface of each of the metal ring assemblies [assembly].

2. (Amended) A belt for a continuously variable transmission [according to claim 1], which is wound around a drive pulley and a driven pulley for transmitting a driving force between both the pulleys, the belt comprising a metal ring assembly formed of a plurality of endless metal rings laminated one on another, and a large number of metal elements each having a ring slot into which the metal ring assembly is fitted,

wherein an endless resilient member which is deformable radially is disposed between a radially outer edge of the ring slot in the metal element and a radially outer peripheral surface of the metal ring assembly; and

wherein the peripheral length of the radially inner peripheral surface of the resilient member is set longer than that of the radially outer peripheral surface of the metal ring assembly.